

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 2011

DATE: 11/29/2011 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Lakeside Sewer District Meeting Room; 253 Bierney Creek Rd.

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; Lakeside Plan Committee's website Calendar Page, posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order.
2. Sign-in sheet.
3. Approve Agenda.
4. Approve prior meeting minutes –
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from October 2011
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled)
 - a. None
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. None
7. Sub-committee reports from any LCC authorized subcommittees (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. None
8. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Possible scheduling of presentation on water quality of lake.
 - b. Janet: attorney confirmation that her term is 3 years.
 - c. Update on Blacktail Trail
 - d. Update on Lakeside Plan and discussion of how we move forward once the injunction is lifted.
 - e. Decide if December meeting should be cancelled (proximity to holiday)
9. Public Comment
10. Meeting adjourned

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Barb Miller, Keith Brown, Craig Koontz, David Fetveit, Janet Conroy

Council Members not attending: Mike Wilson, Gene Shellerud

P&Z attendees: None

Public: Heidi Desch (WSN), Jim Clark

MINUTES:

1. Meeting called to order 7:01pm.
2. Sign-in sheet passed
3. Agenda amended – delete 8.b. as issue resolved at last meeting and in item 8.d., defer discussion of moving forward on Plan until December - David motioned, Barb seconded and passed unanimously to approve the amended agenda.
4. Minutes amended – Item 8b last sentence deleted as Janet's term was finalized with conversation between Keith and Election Department. Item 6.o. revised to read "Jim Clark mentioned the filters discussed in 2009 at Bills & Bierney Creek Roads and wanted to know how they would be paid for or if

there would be any tax or assessment associated with controlling storm water runoff.” Barb motioned, Keith seconded and passed unanimously to approve October meeting minutes as amended.

5. None

6. None

7. None

8. Procedural issues:

a. Presentation on water quality: Janet suggested we defer this until summer so more people might attend. David to find out who spoke at Lakeside/Somers chamber meeting. Perhaps several speakers could present; Bruce Young could possibly help identify speakers. Janet to help frame content for presentations.

b. Dropped from agenda

c. Blacktail Trail: Barb read the email update from Lisa Owens (attached).

d. Lakeside Plan: Barb reported that the Summary Judgment from Judge Stadler found for Lakeside & the county and against the plaintiffs on all but two points – ADA compliance and possible deletion of emails from the Yahoo site. These issues are still open. However, no matter how they are decided, the Plan is still valid. The Judge has not yet officially lifted the preliminary injunction against the Plan, but is expected to do so soon.

e. December meeting: It seems we will have a quorum (Keith, Barb, Janet, Craig), and it was agreed we keep this meeting on the schedule. The discussion of how to proceed with implementation of the Plan will be on the agenda for December as well as an update on election boundaries versus Plan area boundaries per an issue brought up by Jim Clark (below).

9. Public Comment:

a. Heidi Desch was welcomed as the new representative of West Shore News. She indicated this was a temporary position until a permanent replacement can be found.

b. Jim Clark:

i. Pointed out corrections needed to the October minutes.

ii. Pointed out the conflict in plan area boundaries and boundaries for elections – he indicated he had never received a ballot for the Community Council elections, yet his property is described in the Lakeside Plan as being part of the planning area. Craig agreed to speak with the Election Department regarding Jim’s status of being inside the planning area but not receiving ballots and find out where the boundaries are for elections. He will report back in the December meeting.

10. Barb motioned, Keith seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:45pm.

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Subject: County Commissioners meeting

Hello all.

I attended the Commissioner's meeting this morning. Alex gave a brief update on all the CTEP projects. He noted the two stumbling blocks remaining before a Project Specific Agreement can be presented for signature to the Commissioners on the Blacktail project: the "feasibility regarding local match" (and the attendant willingness of the Lakeside Community Development Foundation to sponsor the project) and the questions about easements. He also reported on the conversations he has had with Muffie, on behalf of the LCDF, about project scope and timeline for a sponsorship decision (the end of January.) This timeline would allow a fully-executed agreement to be in place by March, a good time to begin the engineering study.

The Commissioners asked about our trail's connectivity and Alex explained the connection to the park and, if the full scope is achieved, to YWAM. One of the Commissioners highlighted the pedestrian safety issue, especially around the Stoner Creek bridge area. All seemed to be satisfied with the progress and supportive of the project. I did not have a chance to speak, but Alex did a great job briefly updating them on key milestones and issues.

Alex was wearing several hats at the meeting, so I was not able to have much of a conversation with him (but I know Muffie and others have.) I did want to share with him the four points from our meeting last week, so will do so here:

1. We are nailing down our sponsorship plan (with LCDF, most likely)
2. We have pledges in place to support moving forward with the engineering work, which will help answer the "scope" and "easement" questions still on the table so we can move forward. We'd propose "engineering" the entire route/project - even if we learn we can't afford constructing the entire trail now, this work will lay the groundwork for a phased-in approach as (hopefully) additional funding comes available in the future.
3. Once the engineering work conclusively identifies property lines, we'd like the county to sponsor an open meeting to discuss the Blacktail Road right-of-way (and/or any easements needed), to help alleviate any misconceptions property owners may have. (Personal conversations with some key property owners may also be required - probably best handled by a partnership between neighbors and county staff.)
4. We have a preliminary fund raising strategy mapped out and there is willingness from several community individuals to assist in that effort.

We tentatively planned to meet again in mid-December to hear about initial fund raising contacts and the status of our sponsorship.